



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 62**

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Substitute House Bill No. 5322

*House of Representatives, March 21, 2012*

The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. RITTER, E. of the 38th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING PRESSURE-REDISTRIBUTION MATTRESSES AND PATIENT CARE IN NURSING HOME FACILITIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-521b of the general statutes is repealed and  
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):

3 (a) In each licensed chronic and convalescent nursing home, chronic  
4 disease hospital associated with a chronic and convalescent nursing  
5 home, rest home with nursing supervision and residential care home,  
6 at least a three-foot clearance shall be provided at the sides and the  
7 foot of each bed.

8 (b) On and after January 1, 2013, whenever a licensed chronic and  
9 convalescent nursing home, chronic disease hospital associated with a  
10 chronic and convalescent nursing home or rest home with nursing  
11 supervision replaces a mattress, the replacement mattress shall be a  
12 pressure-redistribution mattress that is designed to help prevent  
13 pressure ulcers. Not later than October 1, 2015, each such facility shall

- 14 replace all mattresses used in the facility with pressure-redistribution  
15 mattresses.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	19a-521b

**PH**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

### **OFA Fiscal Note**

#### **State Impact:**

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Effect</b>	<b>FY 13 \$</b>	<b>FY 14 \$</b>
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

#### **Explanation**

The bill results in a cost to the Department of Social Services (DSS) to the extent that it requires facilities to purchase pressure redistribution mattresses sooner than they otherwise would have. The increased costs are associated with rebasing Medicaid rates, which would make an adjustment for allowable movable equipment expenses.<sup>1</sup> The cost to DSS depends on the quantity, type, and cost of mattresses across facilities, as well as the date of rebasing.

#### **The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

<sup>1</sup> Under CGS Sec.17b-340(f)(8), DSS is required to rebase rates no more than once every two years and no less than once every four years. Nursing home rates were last rebased in FY 06.

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**OLR Bill Analysis****sHB 5322*****AN ACT CONCERNING PRESSURE REDISTRIBUTION MATTRESSES AND PATIENT CARE IN NURSING HOME FACILITIES.*****SUMMARY:**

Starting January 1, 2013, this bill requires a nursing home, when replacing a mattress, to use a pressure-redistribution mattress designed to help prevent pressure ulcers. It requires the home to make this replacement for all beds by October 1, 2015. The bill applies to licensed chronic and convalescent nursing homes (CCNH), CCNH-associated chronic disease hospitals, and rest homes with nursing supervision.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2012

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 16 Nay 9 (03/09/2012)